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FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION expects to respond by the end of the month to a series of recommendations from the general aviation community calling for changes in the agency's compliance and enforcement program (BA, May 8/146). While the matter is still officially "under review" at FAA, top agency officials told BA there is "more agreement than disagreement" with the recommendations.

PIPER AIRCRAFT CORP., which has logged numerous fleet sales to world airlines in recent years (BA March 20/91), plans to announce a major sale to the People's Republic of China this week. Top Piper officials are scheduled to attend a press conference in Beijing this Tuesday to provide details of a sales agreement with CAAC for a number of Cheyenne IIIA turboprops that will be used for pilot training.

REP. DAN GLICKMAN (D-Kan.) had signed up 120 House co-sponsors for his General Aviation Standards Act of 1989 heading into this week's hearing on the product liability bill by the House aviation subcommittee (BA, May 15/153).

SEN. NANCY KASSEBAUM (R-Kan.), who is sponsoring GA product liability legislation in the Senate (BA, March 20/90), announced Thursday she will seek re-election for a third term in 1990. GA interests said they were "surprised and quite pleased" by the announcement. Kassebaum had previously indicated she would limit her Senate service to only two terms. The fact that Kassebaum is a strong favorite to be re-elected and is highly respected by her Senate peers is seen as a positive factor in the effort to win passage of a product liability bill.

SETTLEMENT REACHED IN SUIT OVER MODIFICATIONS TO ROCKWELL SINGLES

Commander Flying Association, which had filed class action suits against Rockwell International and Gulfstream Aerospace Corp. in an attempt to get those companies to pay the cost of modifications to some 990 Rockwell Model 112 and 114 airplanes, said the parties have reached an out of court settlement. The settlement agreement contains provisions similar to those contained in an offer from Gulfstream to Commander owners last July (BA, July 25/25). Gulfstream, which acquired the rights to the Commander line from Rockwell in 1981 but never built any of the single-engine models, said then it would modify the wings, seats and tails of the planes "for a total owner contribution of \$2,000 per aircraft..." At the time Gulfstream originally made that offer, CFA President David Kaplan said "our attorneys believe \$2,000 is an unreasonable amount for owners to pay..." There was no dollar figure specified in those lawsuits, but CFA had been seeking reimbursement for loss of use of the aircraft and punitive damages and Kaplan estimated at that time total damages sought would be about \$30 million.

Under the settlement announced this month, CFA said owners whose aircraft are modified at the Oklahoma Service Center will contribute \$2,000 per aircraft, while owners who elect to get the work done at specified repair facilities in England, Switzerland, Australia and Latin America will pay \$3,000 per aircraft. Owners who paid to have an earlier version of the modifications performed will receive cash refunds. Gulfstream and Rockwell will pay attorneys' fees, costs and expenses and owners who contributed to CFA's legal fund will receive a full cash refund of their contributions.

Modifications done in Oklahoma City will be performed and warranted by Commander Aircraft

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1989 BUSINESS JET ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS

DATE	MODEL	DESCRIPTION	REGN	STATE	PHASE	OPER	PURP	FTL	DAM
89-01-00	L-55	Main gr. collapse during fast turnoff	D-CLIP	Germany	Ldg	Pvt	Pass	-	S
01-12	CE-501	Landed long following ILS, overshoot rwy.	N32MJ	TN	Ldg	Bus	Pass	-	M
01-13	L-35	Swerve off rwy. landing, training flt.	N3522	IN	Ldg	Comm	Tra	-	M
01-20	DA-900	Aircraft departed runway side landing	N901B	IN	Ldg	Corp	Pass	-	S
01-31	L-23	Dam. beyond repair during gear up ldg.	F-GDAV	Portugal	Ldg	Pvt	Pass	-	D
02-24	L-35A	Hit standing water TO, control lost	PT-LGS	Brazil	TO	Comm	Pass	-	S
02-27	CE-550S	Collided with trees during ldg. abort	N29X	NY	TO	Corp	Ferry	-	D
03-23	L-25	Abort ldg. overshoot. Lded. without gear	N29FN	VA	Ldg	Comm	Pass	-	S

1989 BUSINESS TURBOPROP ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS

DATE	MODEL	DESCRIPTION	REGN	STATE	PHASE	OPER	PURP	FTL	DAM
89-01-02	MU-2	Crash executing an ILS in IMC	N500B	SC	Ldg	Pvt	Pass	4	D
01-06	PA-31T	Lost control TO in IMC and snow showers	N82290	CO	TO	Bus	Pass	-	S
01-07	BE-90	Collided with trees maneuvering to land	N784Q	KY	App	Pvt	Pass	-	S
01-16	BE-90A	Main gear retracted touch & go ldg. Tra.	N623AW	AL	Ldg	Comm	Tra.	-	S
01-20	MU-2B	Gear up landing following IMC approach	N142BK	UT	Ldg	Comm	Pass	-	M
01-30	BE-90E	Struck and killed two deer on takeoff	N87CH	WY	TO	Comm	EMS	-	S
02-11	BE-90	Cabin door opened & blew off during clb.	N195KQ	IA	Clb	Bus	Pass	-	M
02-15	BE-200	Control loss due frozen linkages/hinges	N123D	VT	Clb	Comm	Pass	-	N
02-17	MU-2B	Hit rwy. lights landing on slippery rwy.	N54US	WA	Ldg	Comm	Crgo	-	S
02-24	SA-226T	Crash during IMC approach	non US	Finland	App	Comm	Pass	6	D
02-28	MU-2	Collided with water during contract ops.	N701DM	CA	Desc	Comm	Othr	1	D
02-28	BE-90	Taxi into ditch along runway side	N946K	FL	Txi	Bus	Pass	-	M
03-06	BE-100	Gear up landing during training flight	N75ZZ	MI	Ldg	Comm	Tra	-	M
03-20	690A	Engine failure/shutdown during climb	N69OMF	MN	Clb	Comm	Crgo	-	N
03-31	MU-2	Collided with BE-1900 during taxi	N638MA	NY	Txi	Comm	Crgo	-	S

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THE AUSTIN COMPANY said it was awarded a general contractor's license by the Metropolitan Government of Tokyo, Japan, the first time a U.S. firm has obtained such a license on an independent basis, the company said. Austin, in conjunction with Kawasaki Heavy Industries of Japan, is seeking contracts for a number of airport projects in Japan including baggage handling, air cargo and wharf terminal facilities at Kansai International Airport and construction of facilities at Haneda and Hiroshima Airports.

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WORKING CONDITIONS for air traffic controllers will be the subject of a hearing this Thursday before the House Public Works investigations and oversight subcommittee. General Accounting Office will testify on its survey of more than 5,000 controllers, supervisors and managers of the nation's 84 largest ATC facilities. Other witnesses include FAA, the Federal Managers Association and the National Air Traffic Controllers Association. Hearing begins at 9:30 a.m. in Room 2167 of the Rayburn Building.

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BELL HELICOPTER TEXTRON, INC., Ft. Worth, Tex., was awarded a \$51.7 million modification to a contract for 15 Model 406 combat scout helicopters for Saudi Arabia. Work will be performed in Ft. Worth and is scheduled to be completed by Jan. 30, 1991.

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AERONAUTICAL ACCESSORIES, INC. received a supplemental type certificate from FAA for an aft passenger shoulder harness kit for use in Bell 206 JetRanger and LongRanger helicopters. The dual restraint harness system is installed in the hat bin area at the rear of the cabin. For more information, contact the company at (615) 538-5151.

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FAA'S Research, Engineering and Development Conference will be held Sept. 27-28 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, Va. For more information, contact: FAA, Research Management and Control Division (AMC-200), 800 Independence Ave. S.W., Washington, D.C. 20591 or call (202) 267-3063.

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BENDIX/KING Air Transport Avionics Division said Mitsui & Co. Ltd. of Japan has selected the Bendix/King TCAS II system for its fleet of McDonnell Douglas MD-11 aircraft. Mitsui has five MD-11s on order.

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AIR FORCE Aeronautical System Division awarded a \$27.9 million contract to Hughes Training Systems Inc., Arlington, Tex., to provide C-141 aircrew training through June 1996. Contract also calls for Hughes to update training hardware and course material.

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BUSINESS JET AND TURBOPROP accidents and incidents, along with mishaps involving turbine-powered helicopters that occurred in the first quarter of 1989 are detailed in charts on the back of Pages 166-167. The charts were prepared by Robert E. Breiling Associates, Inc., which specializes in compiling and analyzing business aircraft accident statistics. Firm has published a comprehensive summary, 1988 Annual Turbine Aircraft Accident Review, which contains an analysis of 197 accidents and incidents involving business aircraft that occurred last year. For information, contact the company at: 6020 N. Federal Highway, Suite 4, Boca Raton, Fla. 33487 or call (407) 338-6900.

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CONTACT AIR, the German regional carrier, has converted options for four Dornier 328 aircraft into firm orders. Two of the aircraft will be delivered in 1993 and the remaining two in early 1994.

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COLLINS has been selected to provide its digital avionics package for Beech Aircraft Corporation's entry in the U.S. Air Force TTTS aircraft competition, the Beechjet 400A.

1989 SINGLE TURBINE HELICOPTER ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS

DATE	MODEL	DESCRIPTION	REGN	STATE	PHASE	OPER	PURP	FTL	DAM
89-01-03	B-206B	Power loss, hit rig during autorotation	N22704	GM	Hover	Comm	O.S.	-	D
01-08	B-206B	Tail rotor shaft failure during hover	N16733	UT	Hover	Comm	Pass	-	S
01-12	H-500D	Directional control lost during hover	N5074R	AK	Hover	Comm	Pass	-	S
01-09	B-206L	Crash ldg. following uncontrolled yawing	N27555	GM	Ldg	Comm	O.S.	-	D
02-02	H-500	Loose external cargo cable struck rotor	N1097G	NH	Hover	Bus	Cargo	-	S
02-23	B-206B	Hard landing following engine surging	N5754J	NJ	Ldg	Bus	Pass	-	S
03-15	B-206B	Rolled over on TO during training flight	N131AT	CA	TO	Comm	Tra	-	S
03-22	B-206B	Turbine failure following liftoff	N5004F	GA	TO	TV	Patrol	-	S
03-30	H-369D	Engine failure during climb, hard ldg.	N5108E	CA	Clb	Comm	Cargo	-	S

1989 TWIN TURBINE HELICOPTER ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS

DATE	MODEL	DESCRIPTION	REGN	STATE	PHASE	OPER	PURP	FTL	DAM
89-02-02	S-76	Crash during operation in marginal wx.	N767SA	PA	Cru	Corp	Pass	2	D
02-13	BK-117	Hit power lines operating in marg. wx.	N7025L	TX	Cru	Comm	EMS	3	D
03-23	B-222	Lost directional control in hover turn	N5008Q	CO	Hover	Pvt	Pass	-	S
03-26	AS-355	Control erratic during landing flare	N84MH	CA	Ldg	EMS	EMS	-	S
03-26	BK-117	Struck unlit tower during EMS operation	N39187	NC	Cru	County	EMS	2	D
03-27	S-76A	Hit rotors of other S-76 during landing	N760P	NY	Ldg	Corp	Pass	-	S
03-27	S-76A	Main rotors hit by landing S-76A	N586C	NY	Pkd	Corp	Pass	-	S

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